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Good morning Chairman Hawley, Ranking Member Durbin, and distinguished Members of the Committee. Thank you for inviting me to speak today. My name is Tim Tebow, Chairman and Founder of the Tim Tebow Foundation. Our mission is to bring Faith, Hope & Love to those needing a brighter day in their darkest hour of need. To sum it up - we fight for those who cannot fight for themselves - and that is what brings us here today.

A few years ago, when Camille Cooper, our VP of anti trafficking started at the foundation, I asked her, Camille, “What breaks your heart the most?”

She stood up and wrote the number 20,000 across our whiteboard. Nothing else. Just 20,000. I asked, “20,000 what?” She said “20,000 unidentified boys and girls.” I said, “What do you mean?” She went on to explain that she thought there were at least 20,000 boys and girls whose images and videos of their sexual abuse and rape were housed in a global database at Interpol, and their identities were unknown.

I asked Camille, “How can we get to them?” and she said we need to bring all the best people together and we all need to start playing on the same team.

And so in 2023 we convened a meeting in Lyon, France with all the experts in Victim Identification – HSI’s Cyber Crime Center, Interpol, NCMEC, Europol, Onemi, - and 18 other countries. We found out at that meeting it wasn’t 20,000 abused children, it was over 57,000. It was a city of children that we needed to go find. And those were the children who had been seen in multiple images. Abused again and again and again.

From that fateful meeting, Operation Renewed Hope was born. Operation Renewed Hope is the largest victim identification operation in the world. Over the course of 3 operations - 1,119 children have been tentatively identified. 500 children have been safeguarded. Almost half of those were American children.

In preparation for this hearing we asked Interpol what the new number was of unidentified images. And it’s now over 89,000 series. And that’s just one database. The UK has a database called CAID. The Child Abuse Image database. Canada has a database. Their database has over 94 million uncategorized files waiting for assessment that it has scraped from the dark web. We don’t even know yet how many children that represents.

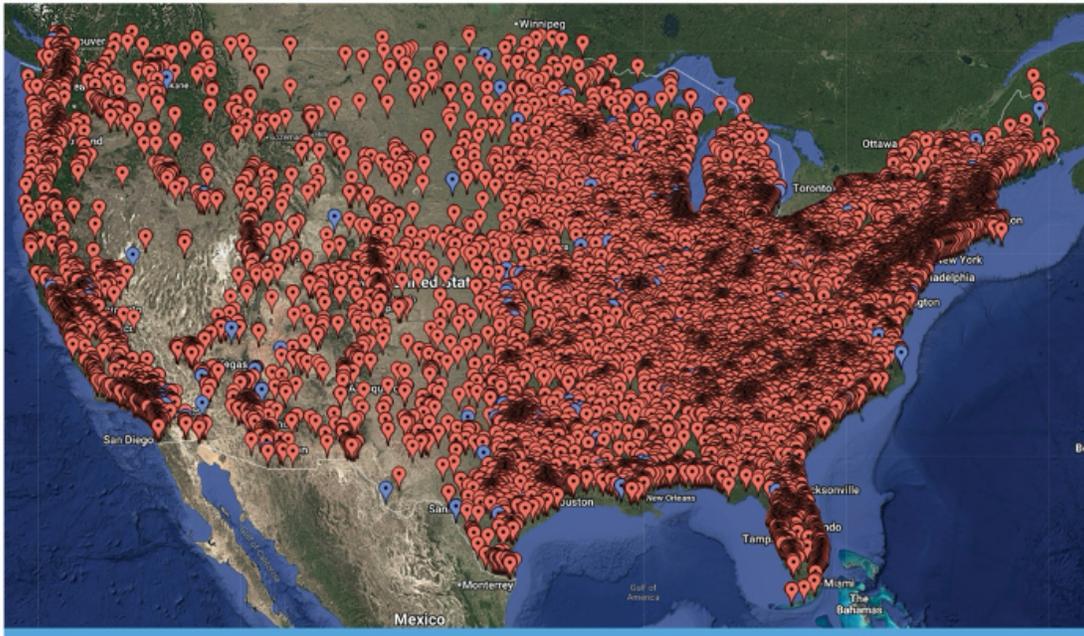
Right now Operation Renewed Hope 4 is happening at the Cyber Crime Center. Over 90 victim identification specialists are sitting in Fairfax looking at the worst things that humans do to

children. But we are barely scratching the surface because a two week operation once a year is not going to identify the over 89,000 series of unidentified images.

The HSI Cyber Crime Center has some of the best analysts in the world but there's only seven of them working full time. Every day more images flood in.

49% percent of these images involve sadistic abuse. Children are seen crying, tied up, bound, gagged, raped by animals.

I have played and been praised for too many silly games in my life. This is not a game. This is a battlefield. We are engaged in a war for the souls of our nation's children, and we are losing.



Source: US Department of Justice, ICACCOPS

This map shows that here in the United States, over the past 180 days alone, there have been 338,984 Unique IP Addresses that have shared Child Sexual Abuse Material. And it should be noted that this is only the information from one undercover law enforcement system.

This is a rescue map. Each of these red dots represents an IP address that is sharing images of children under the age of 12 being tied up, tortured, and raped. We know that 55-85% of the offenders behind these IP addresses are raping kids in their own homes, their own communities, and each offender has an average of 13 victims over the course of their lifetime. And that's a conservative estimate!

Look at this map. Half of these red dots will lead you directly to the doorstep of a child, even babies, being abused and praying every night for help.

According to the US Sentencing Commission 83.5% of offenders who produced child sexual abuse material had victims under the age of 12. And around one-third of the production offenders were sexually abusing infants or toddlers.

Our country's most precious and vulnerable lives have been forgotten. Every day, these children lose hope, and it's not the fault of law enforcement that these children wait. They need more resources plain and simple. This is a problem you can solve. You just have to commit the resources.

One of my favorite people in the world is a survivor of this horrendous evil discussed here today. Her name is Tina, and for years she was the victim of exploitation through live-streaming abuse. She wrote a message that I am going to share with you all.

“As a child, I lived in silent captivity: unseen, unheard, and unreachable. While my predators operate freely across borders using everyday technology. My perpetrators were global with most from America, and I know victims like me are everywhere, in your cities and neighborhoods. I know kids like me urgently need to help. Most of all, we need decisive action. Every delay means another child like me tonight will face fear alone. Tonight, I know another child will

whisper prayers for rescue as I did, but will you find them, or will another child like me suffer in silence alone? We cannot look away. All children deserve protection, justice, and hope. And they need it now.”

I was recently at one of our many safe homes that our foundation provides for around the globe. Some of our team and I were given a tour of the facility. And in one of the rooms we went into, it had pink paint on the walls, and toys on the ground that had been left out from being played with. But out the window, you could see the razor wire on top of a wall meant to keep out anyone who might wish these girls to be harmed or silenced. And while I stood there staring at these wires, Kevin, one of our teammates, walked up and said, “It’s a pretty thin line between tortured and treasured.”

It is a thin line between tortured and treasured. And today, I believe that thin line is us. We are the thin line between captivity and freedom, between pain and relief, between another day of darkness and living in the light. We are that very thin line.